

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1, 2, and 5 were amended. Claims 6-10 are newly added. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner to Applicant's representative during the September 17, 2003 personal interview. During the interview, Applicant's representative indicated to the Examiner that neither Nishio nor Applicants Admitted Prior Art disclosed a light reflecting surface. The Examiner indicated that the surface in question should be claimed more clearly. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to more clearly recite that the light reflecting surface is provided adjacent said light-emitting layer and between adjacent pixels.

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) and under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Nishio et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,046,547). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim 1 recites, in part, a light-emitting display device which includes a plurality of pixels. The pixels include a plurality of first electrode electrodes, second electrodes and a light emitting device held between the first and second electrodes which includes a light emitting layer. The light emitting display device also includes a light reflecting surface provided adjacent the light-emitting layer and between adjacent ones of the pixels. As discussed during the personal interview, neither AAPA or Nishio teach that the light reflecting surface is located adjacent to the light emitting layer. For example, as shown in one embodiment of the present invention, the opening S (Figure 4a) has a layer 115 which acts as a light reflecting surface. No such structure is disclosed in either AAPA or Nishio. Accordingly, Neither Nishio or AAPA teach a light reflecting surface provided adjacent the light-emitting layer and between adjacent ones of the pixels, as recited in claim 1.

Claims 2-5 are believed allowable for at least the same reasons presented above with respect to claim 1 by virtue of their dependence upon claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

Claims 6-10 are newly presented and believed allowable for at least the same reasons presented above with respect to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 03-3975 under Order No. 9270/284095. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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